

Debtors to John Woodman of Westm^r. £. s. d.
 Willis, Mann; Commisn^r. P^rs & Armitage 2634:3:5½
 For

John Armitage of Lambeth		1743 & 1744
		£. s. d.
Debt.	By Cash Rec ^d for Woodman at Chelsea	390:12:9
Cred.	By Cash Paid to D ^r for 1743, & 1744	349:-:2
Debt.	By Ballance on 5 th of February 1745/6	41:12:7
in	1745 By Stoppages for Pensn ^r . &c at Chelsea	404:2:2½
&	1746 By Penalty of Bond for s. Stoppages	500:-:-
	Agents, & Armitage	945:14:9½
Debtors	Willises & Commissioners	888:8:8
	Mann & Pensioners	800:-:-
		To all the 991:14:9½

To the Right Honourable The Lords Commissioners,
 and Others of His Majesty's Roy^l Hospital at Chelsea
 Abstract of Money ^{an} by John Woodman.

Gained	Drann for	On Accompt of	Paid	Received
L. s. d.	L. s. d.	Chelsea Pensn ^r In	L. s. d.	L. s. d.
— 13: 1	3: 5: 4	7 ——— 1720	2: 9: —	3: 2: 1
10: 8: 7	56: 16: 10	9 ——— 1730	43: 15: 6	54: 4: 1
7: 19: —	26: 12: 6	4 ——— 1731	17: 16: —	25: 15: —
14: 6: —	54: 7: 11	13 ——— 1732	38: 6: 11	52: 12: 11
40: 12: —	162: 2: 1	35 ——— 1733	113: 4: 10	153: 16: 10
48: 16: 3	246: 15: 5	41 ——— 1734	185: 2: 9	233: 19: —
76: 7: 11	306: —: —	47 ——— 1735	229: 12: 1	306: —: —
54: 9: 5	449: 15: 10	64 ——— 1736	355: 1: 7	409: 11: —
73: 6: 11	455: 4: 3	63 ——— 1737	356: —: —	420: 6: 11
49: 15: —	423: 3: 4	58 ——— 1738	333: —: —	382: 15: —
From	437: 14: 7	69 ——— 1739	381: 10: —	269: 14: 2
3 Dec ^r 1729	350: 15: —	55 ——— 1740	207: —: —	154: 12: 1
to Xmas 1742	234: —: 4	40 ——— 1741	186: —: —	110: 13: —
Gained	276: 1: 3	39 ——— 1742	213: —: —	175: 10: 10

— 9: 14: 3 by 3482: 14: 8 On Accompt of 2751: 18: 8 2761: 12: 11

And on & before 5th Feby 1745 the said J Woodman Recd of Armitage 349: —: 2

For the Years 1743, 1744, & 1745, to & for Pensioners he paid 745: 5: 8.

And for same Time on said Accompt M^r Armitage paid 226: —: —

The Money Recd for & stopt from s. J Woodman is 1745: 14: 9½

And by Permission of Commissioners &c 888: 8: 8.

4634: 4: 7 (between 3^d Dec^r 1729 & 25th Dec^r 1745) was the Credit given.

3110: 13: 1 was all the Money Paid to both Woodman & Armitage.

& 1523: 11: 6 (before the 25th Dec^r 1746.) was Extorted from them by the
 Fraudulent Practisers in Mismanagements of Payments at the
 abovesaid Chelsea Hospital.

^{th.}
26. April 1749.

Proposals

To The Right Honble
Commis^{rs}. of Chelsea College

By
John Woodman of Chelsea

N^o 3.





th
26 April 1749.

Proposals

Whereas there is $2188: 8: 8$ besides $445: 14: 9\frac{1}{2}$ Due to
John Woodman at Westminster, and his Agent at Chelsea,
from John Armitage, now in Custody of the Sheriff of Surry for
 500 ; from Rob.^t Mann Esq^r of Sinton in Kent, late Deputy Payma^r
of Chelsea College, 800 ; and from the Right Honble Commis^{rs} of Ch^l
 $888: 8: 8$; the Total whereof (in all $2634: 3: 5\frac{1}{2}$) neither of which
Partys may think adviseable to pay off at once: And whereas
it cannot Incommode the Right Honble Commis^{rs} of Chelsea College
to engage themselves, and their Successours, to continue an Annual
Payment of 45 to their Creditor and his Heirs, by reason that
Annuity will very little enlarge the Contingent Expences of the Roy^l
Hospital: And Whereas it cannot hurt Robert Mann, the
beforenamed Deputy Payma^r, to pay 400 in part of his Debt
to the Agent of his Creditor at Westminster for the First Payment,
and after that to engage himself and Heirs to pay 20 a Year more
to the said Agent, and his Assigns, until the other 400 be also paid:
upon which Condition Armitage also may be enabled to pay
 25 a Year when he is Discharg'd from Goal, and said Robert
may also be permitted to enjoy his 400 a Year Pension so long
as he lives, without any Lett, Hindrance, or Molestation what-
soever, from the said Agent John Woodman.

N^o 3.

Debts, and Debtors

1748.

L. S. D.
 177-9- - Willises and Executors.
 2456-14-5½ Commisn. of Chelsea College
 Rob.^t Mann and Agents to
 2634-3-5½

By Stoppages

N ^o .	To	For	L. S. D.
207	Adams	Albury	3-15-10
157	Barrett	Armitage and Bates	11-8-4
30	Chapman	Armitage and Champ	3-17-1
153	Daniell	Armitage Figg & Percival	37-9-6
164	Elliott	Highstreet & King	3-15-10
63	Harborne	Abbott	15-4-2
189	Hutchison	Armitage & Kinnard	11-9-2
97	Lincoln	Highstreet	2-15-
180	Nicholson	Armitage & Highstreet	19-16-8
150	Spence	Burrough	7-12-
163	Stewart	Highstreet & Wedge	7-12-
182	Woods	Armitage & Albury	20-12-6
Yrs.	Armitage	Pensioners & Others	1600-5-8
19	Labour	For Chelsea College	888-8-



In all..... L 2634-3-5

Robt. Mann of Kent Esq.
 Late D.P. Ma^r. at Chelsea College,
 and his Assistants,
 Debt^rs to John Woodman of Westm^r

By said Roberts various Fraudulent Acts, between 25 Dec ^r : 1735, & 25 Dec ^r : 1748. in depriving said Woodman Agent at Chelsea, of the Value of his Labour, in the Offices at Chelsea College, & toward Law, and other Expences in 13 Years.	L. s. d. 1217:5:8½
By Credit given in the Years 1734, & 1735, for 1735, & 1736.	715:11:-
By Fourteen Years Comp nd Interest thereof, at 5 p. Cent.	701:6:9
In all L...	2634:3:5½

Magna est Veritas,
 et prevalebit, &c. 2634:3:5½
 Deus Prefens.

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THE
RAT-CATCHER
AT
CHELSEA COLLEGE.
TABLE.

ALLUDING

To the Manner in which the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* have been a long Time oppress'd by Usurers and Extortioners.

WITH
LETTERS from JOHN SAMFORD, Esq; shewing, by what establish'd Rules these Usurers and Extortioners, with the Help of the Buyers of the Pension, may beggar the Pensioners, and enrich themselves.

AS, ALSO,

A SCHEME to Pay the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* after a Method whereby, among 4000 of them, they may be paid 4560 *l.* 15 *s.* a Year more than they can get after the Manner in which they have been hitherto paid; and that too, so that neither they, nor those appointed to pay them, can either defraud the Government, or be defrauded the one by the other.

AND LIKEWISE,

So that, upon any Emergency, all those who are Able, may be ready to do Garrison Duty, or Re-enter into the Service, without doing such Injury to them or others, as at present is, and has heretofore been, done upon such Occasions. With Remarks thereupon, and Letters to the Lords Commissioners of *Chelsea* Hospital, &c.

By JOHN WOODMAN,
Who, in the Year 1733, contrived the Regulation of the Books in the Secretary's Office at *Chelsea* College.

Non solum nobis Deus nobis animum dedit.

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RATCATCHER

CHESTER COLLEGE

THE



T O T H E
R I G H T H O N O U R A B L E

The LORDS and OTHERS, Commissioners
for managing the Affairs of His MA-
JESTY'S Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*.

May it please your LORDSHIPS,

IN my Letter of the 12th of *June* last, to the Right Honourable Pay-Master, after having mentioned, that I knew his Honour had been often perplexed with Accounts of some of the Frauds committed by those who have an Interest in the Pensions of *Chelsea*, as they are now paid, I made a Promise to do what I have since performed; that is, to acquaint his Honour with the bad Practices which are the Occasions of Fraud, and the many Abuses of the Out-Pensioners, arising from the Liberty which they and their Oppressors take, each to dupe the others in what Manner he can: In my Letter of the 30th of *November*, I set forth in what Manner several of the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* were harass'd and oppress'd by the Secretary's Mistakes, and their own, in making out Appearances; and related the several Ways which those Pensioners and their Factors had practis'd to over-reach one another, and defraud the Government; declaring, withal, for what Purposes nigh 5000*l.* a Year, out of

4000 Five-penny Men's Pensions was deducted; and that, whenever his Honour pleased, I would wait upon him with that Scheme which I since dedicated to your Lordships in Print; hoping thereby to remove the Cause of all those Male-Practices which I had then pointed out to his Honour in general Terms: In my next Letter of the 7th of *December*, I express'd my real Sentiments, which, in short, are, That those Pensioners who have deserved the Pension, ought to have it paid them so that it may keep them from starving or begging; and that they may not have such Occasions to complain of being grip'd by Usurers and Extortioners, as they have heretofore had; tho' I supposed then, as I do now, that Mr. *Eyre* and Mr. *Mann*, with their Adherents, were of another Opinion: In my next Letter of the 14th of *December*, after my Definition of *Chelsea* College Usurers and Extortioners, &c. and the Account I gave of the Work that I did for their Use, which they expected to have of me for little or nothing, I declared, that the chief Motive which induced me to make Application to the Right Honourable Pay-Master, was a firm Belief in me, that his Honour would, at this Time, encourage a Work design'd for the Benefit of so many Thousands of worn-out Soldiers, for the Service, Honour and Credit of the Nation, and for the utter Suppression of Usury and Extortion, and the Occasions of all the Grievances among the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* College: And in my Letter of the 21st of *December*, I made the Seven following Observations, viz.

- 1st. That so long as there shall be a Market kept up for Buying and Selling of the Out-Pensioners of Chelsea College, under the Management and Direction of Usurers and Extortioners, there will be always such Tricking and Defrauding therein, as there has been heretofore practised.
- 2^{dly}. That there cannot be a true State of the Pension given from the erroneous Manner in which the Secretary's Office hath, for several Years past, taken and refused Appearances, nor a just Warrant for Pay be made out by Clerks who cannot give a true State of the Out-Pensioners.
- 3^{dly}. That all the Misery and Calamity which hath befallen many Out-Pensioners in Time past, was owing to the Liberty which they have had to take up Money for their Out-Pensions for as long a Time to come as they pleased, and to the Methods the Clerks and others, who have furnished them with it, have practised to get as much as they could out of them.
- 4^{thly}. That it has been a great Scandal upon the Government to suffer the Clerks, &c. who have the Management of the Out-Pensioners, to pay themselves just what they please, and uphold such bad Practices, which have sent so many worn-out Soldiers (who have deserved the Pension) a begging for Bread.
- 5^{thly}. That to leave any one under Temptation, and afterwards punish him for offending, when he may be hindered from so doing, is not so good a Maxim, with Respect to Humanity, as to put it out of his Power to offend.
- 6^{thly}. That when any of the Letter-Men, or Men at Nine-pence per Day, died, those Pensioners expecting

petting to be preferred have always given Notice thereof; so that no Fraud hath been committed on their Score.

*7thly. That the Government, upon proper Security, might be credited for as much Money as it should want to continue the Payment of the Out-Pensioners, so long as its Exigencies might require it; and that 4000 Pensioners might receive 4560*l* 15*s* a Year more than they did, and allow good Interest to the Persons who furnish the Money for them.*

Upon these just Remarks and true Observations depend the Principles of my Proposition: One of which is to put it out of the Power of the Pensioners, and those entrusted to pay them, or see them subsisted (before the Money shall be appropriated by Parliament for that Purpose) either to defraud one another, or the Government: The other is to subsist them, so that they may receive 4560*l*. 15*s*. a Year among 4000 of them, more than they ever got when subsisted according to the Direction of Usurers and Extortioners; and likewise, so that no one of them may have it in his Power to make himself so distressed as several of them have done, by squandering away that Money in a Month or two, which should have served him a Year or two, according to the Usurers Books, &c. who had put him on to take up Money for his Pension for so long a Time to come; and the other is, that it may be always known where every Pensioner is, and in what Condition of Life; that so, whenever there is an Occasion, such of them who are most fit may be sent to Garrison, or re-enter into the Service, without
doing

doing a Prejudice either to themselves or any-body else.

To this Proposition, which is made for the Benefit of all worn-out and disabled Soldiers, who do now, and shall hereafter, deserve the Pension of *Chelsea* College, Mr. *John Samford* has opposed his Proposals, which I humbly refer your Lordships to compare with the present Practices among the Pensioners, and their Overseers, employed under your Lordships: He first proposes, that they may be paid (or supplied with) Money after that Fashion which hath been a long Time very much in Vogue, that so out of what 4000 of them should have for their Pension from the College, their Overseers and others may get above 6000*l.* a Year, and use them to such scandalous Practices, as are necessary for supporting their Usury and Extortion.

Whether my Proposals, which your Lordships, I presume, cannot disapprove of, or Mr. *John Samford's*, which he himself cannot justify, ought to be recommended to the Publick, I humbly submit to the Honour and Wisdom of your Lordships: As to what the Right Honourable Pay-Master call'd upon me to inform your Lordships of when I was before the Board, I humbly refer to be done by such a one as Mr. *John Samford*; for I believe a Man of his Principles may strain at a Gnat and swallow a Cammel, or say or do any thing that is mean or base.

Your Lordships will observe, that what I propose is to remove that which was the Cause of all those little subsequent Facts which have been deem'd, and are actually Frauds, without doing
what

what I call an actual Injury to any one of those who hath been, and still is, call'd a *Chelsea* College Usurer; for, according to my Scheme, there is Room for Mr. *Mann* himself to make 1000 *l.* a Year by the Out-Pensioners, if he would be so good as to employ 20,000 *l.* a Year among them for their Subsistence; and there is no fair Dealer, who hath been improperly called a Usurer, but would willingly, upon a certain Security, take 5 *l.* per Cent. for all the Money he now employs upon the same Account; and, with humble Submission to the Secretary, I presume, that what I have proposed will be of Service to him, and a Loss to only two Clerks, one in his Office, and one in the Pay-Office at *Chelsea*.

I have nothing more at present to observe to your Lordships, but that I shall endeavour shortly to prove that my Scheme is practicable, that so I may be deem'd (as I shall always strive to be) "*Iustum & tenacem propositi virum*;" and that every one at this Board may so encourage and promote a Design, propos'd entirely for the Good and Use of the Publick, that he may say with more Justice than *Horace* did, "*Exegi Monumentum ære perennius*," is the ardent Prayer and Expectation of,

My LORDS,

Your LORDSHIPS

Mar. 21, 1739-40.

Most obedient humble Servant,



J. WOODMAN.

L. S. D.
1645 = 14 = 2

Chelsea Penson. ⁿ 774 = 18 = 9				Chelsea Penson. ⁿ		Chelsea Penson. ⁿ 870 = 15 = 5				Chelsea Penson. ⁿ	
N ^o		£ s d	£ s d	N ^o		N ^o		£ s d	£ s d		N ^o
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T H E R A T - C A T C H E R.

A

T A L L E.

UPON a Time there was a (a) Lord
Who always kept one (b) Cupboard stor'd
With (c) Bread, and (d) Cheefe, and (e) Bacon too,
Where Swarms of (f) Mice frequented to ;

B

And

K—— E ——, Esq; S—— of *Chelsea College*, &c. was
established in the said Office soon after the Year 1715.

(a) The *Government*, soon after that, dismiss'd about 5000 Men
from the Pension, who had been put on it by C—— (a former S——)
and were not qualified.

(b) The *Establishment* of the Out Pensioners of *Chelsea* was, after
that, very strictly overlook'd by the Commissioners.

(c) The *Chelsea-Pension* was not given to any but such as it was
thought had deserved it.

(d) The *Unfair-Gain* which C—— thought to had got by cheat-
ing the Nation, was then rendered very difficult to come at.

(e) The *Secretary's Place* was made so beneficial in the Year 1719,
by the then raising the independent Companies and Regiment of In-
valids, and appointing the Secretary Agent thereof, that he hath fairly
gotten more Money thereby since that Time, than C—— had in-
tended to cheat the Nation of before.

(f) The *Pensioners* were then left, as they are now, to get Substif-
ance for their Pensions as they could, or to wait a Year and a Half to
receive their yearly Payments thereof from the College.

And (*g*) Rats, and (*h*) Weasels, for the Bread
 On which the Mice should only fed :
 He kept a (*i*) Scribe, whose greatest Care
 Was but to keep those Vermin, there,
 From Eating (*k*) Cheese, that so he might
 Save all his Bacon likewise by't ;
 But for the Bread, which was design'd
 For only Mice, he did not mind ;
 That so the Weasels, Rats and they
 Might freely all together play,
 And each get what he could thereof,
 Tho' scarcely for the Mice enough :
 As many a Rat and Weasel hid
 In Holes and Corners always did.

The Cheese was of a Nature such
 That all had been forbid to touch ;

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(*g*) The *Buyers of the Pensions* were also left at Liberty to subsist the Pensioners with Money, and to bargain with them for their Pensions, at such Rates, and for such Times, as they could agree upon.

(*h*) The *Deputy-Pay-Master and Clerks* were permitted to make their own Market of all those who traded in buying and selling the Pensions.

(*i*) And the *Secretary* was appointed to keep such an Account of the Pensioners, and such a Watch upon all *Buyers and Receivers of Money* on their Account, that every one concerned in that Affair might be prevented from (*k*) *Cheating the Nation*.



The Scribe himself was but to smell it ;
 And, if he did, he wa'n't to tell it :
 As for the Bacon, that was his
 So long as he could keep the Cheese
 From ev'ry Weasel, Rat and Mouse,
 And other Vermin of the House :
 And he was such a Man, that none
 Had done before what he had done :
 He'd made one Trap that, in a trice,
 Would catch above Six thousand Mice ;
 And had for ev'ry Rat a Snare,
 That ever had, or did, come there ;
 For ev'ry Weasel had a Gin
 T' allure and catch that Vermin in ;
 And so he made his Lord believe,
 That none of them could him deceive ;
 Tho' all their Holes were open left,
 His Traps, he said, secur'd from Theft :
 Alledging, he was so severe,
 To blow up all that did come there,

And offer once to do so much
 As either Cheefe or Bacon touch ;
 Which made all those, who fain would been
 A nibbling at the Cheefe unseen,
 Avoid his Traps, both Day and Night,
 And never come to take a Bite ;
 So that the Cheefe stood on the Shelf,
 Untouch'd by any, or himself,
 Excepting those who had the Hap
 To come that Way into his Trap ;
 For which they always paid with Cost,
 Ten times the Worth of what he'd lost.
 Such was his Care, that none, but he,
 Could by his Lord so favour'd be ;
 As he for's Skill in catching Mice,
 And Rats, and Weasels, clean and nice ;
 By which, in Times of old, 'tis said,
 Two thousand Pounds a Year he made ;
 Which gain'd him such Repute, it seems,
 That Forty thousand Pounds for Schemes

He

He borrow'd once, which, when he'd got,
 He kept by Scheems not yet forgot ;
 And by such Projects ruin'd none,
 But Hundreds he'd impos'd upon :
 Yet, bating that, he was so just
 As some times to be true to Trust ;
 All, in his Power, he would do
 The Cheefe to save, his Bacon too ;
 But could not so secure his Fame,
 As Records speak, which know his Name :
 For tho' he'd catch'd many a Mouse,
 And Rat, and Weasel in the House,
 Who nibbling at the Cheefe had been,
 Yet still 'twas found, that Rats, unseen,
 And Mice and Weasels had got in
 Between his Traps, and out agen.

His Lord's good Friends were told how much
 They'd been abus'd by trusting such
 A Squire as this, who minded more
 To save his Bacon, than the Store

Of Cheefe which, as forbid, was there,
To see untouch'd his chiefeft Care.

They had been fhewn the fecret Hole
Thro' which the Vermin often stole ;
How ev'ry Weafel, Rat and Moufe,
Stole Bread and Cheefe about the Houfe ;
And how to Cheefe they always might
Steal fecretly by Day or Night :
How all the Rats and Weafels fed
Upon the Mice, and got their Bread ;
And how he might his Cheefe preferve,
And keep a Cupboard not to ftarve
The Mice, nor let the Rats come in,
Nor Weafels, for to ftal therein,
Only by ftopping of that Hole,
The fecret Way thro' which they stole ;
And which the wily Efquire made
On purpofe to promote his Trade ;
And keep his Traps and Snares in Ufe,
His Lord and all his Friends t' abuse ;

For therein lay his darling Skill,
 To first allure, and then to kill :
 The more they squeak'd, the more his Spight
 He vented on them Day and Night.

Some Mice he did deprive of Bread ;
 And some with that of others fed :
 The Rats and Weasels he'd entice,
 Then serve them as he did the Mice ;
 And let each play upon the other,
 As he did on them all together ;
 Which made them all afraid to squeak ;
 For then not one of them could speak,
 But in an humble, piteous Tone,
 Would just cry out, and then ha' done ;
 Trembling before the awful Face
 Of such a Man, in such a Place.

'Till on a Time a Weasel fat
 Offer'd to bite and kill a Rat ;
 A Rat of Spirit, young and strong,
 Tho' not so fat as some among

Those

Those Rats and Weasels, nor so lean
 As others who would not be seen
 Nor heard anigh that Weasel there ;
 Which being kept and fed with Care,
 On nigh Two hundred's Share of Bread,
 Had made them all his Looks to dread.

He was a Thief of such a Size
 To which none of them all could rise ;
 No other Weasel could, so nice,
 Steal from the Mouths of Rats and Mice ;
 Who all rever'd him for it, so
 As other Thieves, some Time ago,
 Did *Jon'than Wild*, by Homage paid
 To him, as Master of their Trade.

This was the Chief o' th' Weasels that
 Full oft' had bitt'n many a Rat
 (As ev'ry other Weasel had,
 About that House, tho' not so bad)
 Which offer'd our young Rat to bite,
 And so commenc'd a deadly Fight.

Two, less, by that great Weasel stood;
 And two, still less, help'd what they cou'd;
 While open-mouth'd at ev'ry Rat
 They flew, and made all flee but that;
 Except a few who did attend
 To see that one himself defend;
 Who, as he stood his Ground, he got
 Whole Troops of Mice, that for him fought
 Against those Weasels, which they knew
 Liv'd on their Bread, abus'd them too;
 As almost all the Rats had done,
 Excepting few, besides this one;
 Who with the Weasels did colleague,
 And put themselves to great Fatigue,
 On purpose only to devour
 The Mice, and Bread o'er which they'd Pow'r;
 And get a Smell and Bite at Cheese,
 And no one Weasel to displease:
 Of whom there was but this one Rat
 Was less afraid than Mouse of Cat.

For, as he ne'er touch'd Cheese, he thought
 That Bread was his for which he fought,
 Assisted by so many Mice,
 Against their o'ergrown Enemies.

Long was the Vict'ry in Dispute,
 So close this Rat did hold 'em to't,
 Until the Squire, who'd absent been,
 Return'd to's tricking Trade agen;
 And heard the Bustle and the Cries,
 Among the Weasels, Rats and Mice:
 So stood awhile to see the Fray,
 In which some shew'd, its thought, foul Play;
 But that was all alike to him,
 'Till in his Head there came a Whim.

He flily got a monstrous Cat
 To scare and worry ev'ry Rat;
 From which some Weasels too, for Fear,
 Slunk in, and trembled to appear
 In eating Bread of any Mouse,
 Whene'er they saw the Claws of Puss:

With

With which 'tis said that, in a trice,
 She catch'd above Five hundred Mice ;
 And grip'd them so, both Rats and they,
 That they could neither after play
 For many Years, as they had done
 Before to catch them Puss begun.

The Rats were ev'ry one at Loss,
 And fain would been reveng'd on Puss ;
 But Puss was so above their Match,
 She'd neither let them bite, nor scratch
 One bit of Bread while she was there ;
 Tho' she'd enough, and some to spare.

And now the guileful Squire thought
 To catch that Rat, who'd boldly fought
 With all the Weasels, five to one,
 Help'd only by some Mice were gone :
 But how to do, to him decoy,
 And how he might more Mice destroy,
 With other Rats, and Weasels too,
 Tho' he knew well, he could not do.

He try'd his Snares, and Traps did bait,
 And set his Pufs to lie in wait,
 To catch them either live or dead,
 That he might get but off the Bread
 Some Hundred Pounds Worth in a Year,
 More than before, by's Bacon clear ;
 And save his Lord, as once before
 He said he did, some Hundreds more :
 And that he might do's best for Self,
 And Bacon save, he clear'd the Shelf
 Of ev'ry Weasel, Rat, and Mouse,
 As he thought fit, about the House.

But woeful his hard Fate had been,
 Had not, by Chance, his Friends stepp'd in.
 While he and Pufs were catching Mice,
 And thinking this same Rat to tice
 Into a Snare, on purpose laid,
 And, as he thought, to catch him made ;
 For just as he was going to peep,
 That Rat did fiercely at him leap,

Just

Just at his Throat, to which he flew;
 And fasten'd just as Bull-Dogs do;
 But, having mark'd him, ceas'd to bite,
 Leaving the Squire in piteous Plight
 To tell his Friends, when come, his Case,
 How such a Rat, in such a Place,
 T' avenge the Mice, flew in his Face.
 His Friends gave Ear to what he said,
 And thus to him an Answer made;
 That Rat was in the Right, you know,
 For you should not have ventur'd so.

With all your Traps do what you please
 To save your Bacon, and the Cheese;
 But henceforth take, when catching, Care
 You peep not, while that Rat is there.

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left at his throat, to which he flew.

And having said as Bull-Dogs do:

and having mistimed him, turned to die.

Leaving the house in a great flight.

And his friends, when come, his case.

How that he had, in such a place.

And the place, where his face.

And the place, where his face.

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S C H E M E
To PAY the
OUT-PENSIONERS
O F
C H E L S E A,
A F T E R

A METHOD whereby, among 4000 of them, they may be paid 4560*l.* 15*s.* a Year more than they can get after the Manner in which they have been hitherto paid ; and that too, so that neither they, nor those appointed to pay them, can either defraud the Government, or be defrauded the one by the other.

A N D L I K E W I S E,

So that, upon any Emergency, all those who are Able, may be ready to do Garrison Duty, or Re-enter into the Service, without doing such Injury to them or others, as at present is, and has heretofore been, done upon such Occasions.



TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
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L O R D S
And Others,
COMMISSIONERS
For Managing
The AFFAIRS of His MAJESTY'S Royal
Hospital at *Chelsea*,
The following
P R O P O S A L S
F O R
Regulating the Payments of the OUT-
PENSIONERS thereof, is most humbly
dedicated by their LORDSHIPS

Most humbly devoted Servant,

CHELSEA,
Jan. 17, 1739-40

JOHN WOODMAN.

PROPOSALS

FOR

Regulating the Payments of the Out-
Pensioners of *Chelsea-College*;

ARTICLE I.

LET it be published, by Order of the Commissioners, that all Persons who have furnished the Pensioners with Money for their Pension, to be hereafter due, may receive the same, or such Part thereof as shall become due, in due Course of Payment, if forthwith they produce their Claims, with an Account of the Place where the Pensioners are which they have so paid, and that no Person for the future shall be permitted to receive any Money from the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* on Account of any of the Pensioners thereof, but such as shall be appointed by the Commissioners for that Purpose.

EXPLANATION.

It is hereby proposed, That all Buyers of the Pension shall be paid their just Due, in due Time after their giving a just Account of the Pensioners on their Books, in order to make known their Condition, and to have them paid by Direction of the Commissioners, for the future, in a better Manner than they have been heretofore.

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OBJECTION.

It may be said, in Objection to this, by those who are interested in the present Manner of paying the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*, That those Pensioners ought not to be debarred from selling their own Property, their Pensions, as they please; and that the Commissioners, who have nothing to do with what Bargains they make, cannot appoint fitter Persons for them to be paid by, than such as they themselves have hitherto chose.

A N S W E R.

In Answer to which, I must say, 'Tis very strange that the Commissioners cannot appoint fitter Persons to manage the Payments of the Out-Pensioners, than such as now are what may be properly called Beggar-Makers, Usurers, and Extortioners; and as to every Pensioner's Property in his Pension, I think it ought to be as a Soldier's is in his Pay, or Accoutrements, which he should not be suffered to sell.

A R T I C L E II.

Let the Secretary have, as	l.	} a Year Salary.
he now hath _____	100	
Also the Dept. Pay-Master	100	
And create an Inspector at	100	} a Year.
To 2 Clerks for the Secretary, allow _____	100	
To ditto for the Inspector	100	
And to ditto for the Deputy Pay-Master _____	100	
	100	

E X P L A N A T I O N.

It is here proposed, That the Clerks, &c. of the Secretary's Office, and Pay-Office in *Chelsea College*, shall have competent Salaries; and that there shall be an Inspector

pector and two Clerks appointed in like Manner to look into, examine, and correct all the Accompts relating to the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*; and by that Means to prevent Frauds and Impositions being practiced either by or upon them.

OBJECTION.

It hath been objected to this, and said, That there is no Occasion for any other Office than the Secretary's and Pay Office in *Chelsea College*, for the Management of the Out-Pensioners thereof; and that the Clerks, Deputy Pay-Master and Secretary there, are so honest and knowing in the Business of those Offices, that they have no need to be looked after, or assisted, by an Inspector.

ANSWER.

In answer to which, I aver, That there cannot be a true Account of all Out-Pensioners, at any Time requisite, given at either the Secretary's Office, or Pay-Office, in *Chelsea College*; and that therefore there is an Occasion for another Office, and the Assistance of an Inspector, to keep them honest, and to make and give, at all Times when required, a true Account of every Out-Pensioner thereof.

ARTICLE III.

Let the Out Pensioners be paid every Eighth Week, at

<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
42 each to	40 at 9 each per		
Day	_____	547	—
28 each to	400 at 6 ditto	3650	—
21 each to	3560 at 4½ ditto	24363	15
And to 4000 Pension. in all		28560	15
} a Year.			

EXPLANATION.

It is here proposed, That the Pensioners shall be paid 4560*l.* 15*s.* a Year, among 4000 of them, more than they could, or can, ever get when paid by the Direction of Userers and Extortioners; and that too in such Manner, that there cannot be so many of them drove to Beggary and Want, as there has been.

OBJECTION.

It may be said, as an Objection to this, That on some Accounts it does 4000 Pensioners more Good to receive 24000*l.* a Year, at 6*l.* each at a Time, than 28560*l.* 15*s.* a Year would do at the foregoing Rates; that the Pensioners living at a great Distance from *Chelsea*, cannot be paid every Eighth Week; and that, if they could, it would be too much Trouble for the Clerks, &c. to take and keep an exact Account thereof.

ANSWER.

In Answer to which, I assert (what no one who knows the Humour of the Out-Pensioners can deny) That of those Pensioners there is not the one Half of them who are inclined to be careful or frugal; and of those who are, not one of five who, by Industry, can make 6*l.* for 52 Weeks, paid at once, do him more Service than 7*l.* 7*s.* for 56 Weeks, paid at 7 Times: By which it appears, that all Pensioners have been Losers, and above Ten to One Sufferers, by selling their Pensions; especially for a Year, a Year and a Half, or two Year's Time, or more, at once: As to the Difficulties in paying all the Out-Pensioners every Eighth Week, they may be all removed by the making one Act of Parliament, to direct, that the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* shall be so sub-

ARTICLE IV.

Let those who furnish the 28560 *l.* 15 *s.* a Year, for the 4000 Pensioners, at 4382 *l.* every Eighth Week, be allowed an Interest for the same, at the Rate of 5 *l.* *per Cent. per Annum*; that is, 1428 *l.* 9 *d.* a Year; and let 427 *l.* 17 *s.* 7 *d.* the Surplus, when 29988 *l.* 15 *s.* 9 *d.* the said 4000 Men's yearly Pay, with Interest allowed for the Advance thereof, is taken from 30416 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* the full Year's Pay of 4000 Men at 5 *d.* *per Day*, be to answer the Deficiencies by Deaths, &c. and let the Residue, which will be about 200 *l.* every Year, be made up 300 *l.* from the Establishment, to pay the Clerks when the House is paid.

EXPLANATION.

It is here proposed, That the Government may have Credit, upon proper Security, for all the Money which at any Exigency shall be requisite to continue the Subsistence of the Out-Pensioners, by which those poor Men may be always taken good Care of; that no Fees shall be deducted out of their small Subsistence; and that there shall be only an Interest at 5 *l.* *per Cent.* allowed and secured out of the yearly Pension, to the Persons who shall furnish Money to continue the Payments thereof, besides about 200 *l.* a Year towards paying the Clerks, &c. for their Service; which will be less by above 4560 *l.* 15 *s.* a Year, than what hath been deducted out of 4000 Men's Pension, when paid by the Direction of Usurers, &c.

	<i>L.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
4000 Men's Pay, at 5 <i>d.</i> per Day, is	30416	13	4	
The Money to be paid them at				
4382 <i>l.</i> every 8th Week, is	28560	15	0	
Which is less than 30416 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i>				
by —————	1855	18	4	
The Interest of 28560 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> at				
5 <i>l.</i> per Cent. is —————	1428	—	9	
So that to make up all Deficiencies by Deaths, &c. there is —	427	17	7	
The Deficiencies, being one 20th				
Part of the Time advanc'd for,				
will be about —————	233	6	8	
At which Rate, towards paying				
the Clerks, there rests —————	194	10	11	a Year.

OBJECTION.

It may be asked, in Ojection to this, Why should not the Deputy Pay-Master be allowed to deduct 5*s.* a Year, and he and the Clerks also be permitted to get each of them, as much as he can more, out of every Pensioner's Money; and why the Buyers of the Pension should not be obliged to pay each of them his Fee, and for his and their Trouble, be permitted to dispose of his or their own Money among the Pensioners, to what Advantage they can.

A N S W E R.

In answer to which, I must say, Because by that Means they'll make Beggars of, and impose upon, the Pensioners, by converting almost a fourth Part of their Money to a Use it was never design'd for by the Nation; and by so doing, are the Occasion of the many Frauds committed, the Complaints made, and of all the Abuses in oppressing the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*.

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ARTICLE V.

Let there be always 40 Pensioners, of good Characters, to be approved of by the Commissioners, at 9 *d.* per Day, in *London* (besides the Men who now are on that Establishment) 20 of which to be directed by the Secretary, and 20 by the Inspector, each to make a Report every Eighth Week of the Condition, Death, Habitation and Removal of those Pensioners he shall be appointed to pay; that so their Accompts may be truly confirmed.

EXPLANATION.

It is here proposed to appoint 40 more Pensioners than there be at present, at 9 *d.* per Day, to be entrusted, instead of the Buyers of the Pension, to make Reports of all the rest, and to appoint each of these 40, when there is 4000 Men on the Pension, to keep and give an Account of 200 others (about 100 thereof out of *London*) and also to receive and pay for 50 of them every Eighth Week 54 *l.* 15 *s.* 6 *d.* in Return and Answer to 10 Letters.

OBJECTION.

It may be said, in Objection to this, That there cannot be 40 of the Out-Pensioners about Town employ'd, who are fit to be entrusted, and capable of making such Reports of all the others every Eighth Week, as is proposed; because, neither the Persons who have hitherto subsisted them with Money, nor the Secretary himself, with all his Informers and Assistants, were ever capable of doing it.

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ANSWER.

In Answer to this, I do aver, That every Pensioner, who can write, may be taught and made capable to keep a Report Book of 200 others easy enough; and that there can be more than 40 of them found about *London*, who may be safely entrusted with above 100*l.* at a Time on their own Security; besides which, were that to be questioned, there are certainly more than 40 of them, each of whom could get two sufficient Men to be bound for him for more than 54*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* by which Means, with the Secretary's and Inspector's Instructions, and being set one to watch the other, they might soon be made capable of making true Reports of all other Pensioners, and fit to be entrusted too; for they could not then, if they would, nor would not if they could, either defraud the Government, or the other Pensioners; because, in the first Place, their Securities would be obliged to make good what Money they should so embezzle; and, in the next Place, they themselves would be well assured they could not embezzle any without being discovered; and that, if they did, they must lose a Pension of more Worth than 54*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* all the Money they could get by attempting to cheat in that Manner.

ARTICLE VI.

Let there be forthwith a Tenth Part of all the Pensioners appointed by the Inspector to have 6*d.* a Day, at such Places out of *London*, to which the Money for all Pensioners may be sent; and let every Pensioner, for the future, when admitted, be sent by the Secretary to the Inspector, with a Ticket number'd, dated and stamp'd; and from the Inspector to one of the Pensioners at 9*d.* per Day in *London*, with Notice where the new enter'd Man is to go, and an Order for what

what Money they shall go together and receive at the Pay-Office at *Chelsea*; that so every Pensioner may be well known, and duly paid.

EXPLANATION.

When there are 4000 Men on the Out-Pension of *Chelsea*, there will be about 2000 of them out of *London*, 400 of which must be entrusted to receive 4*l.* 4*s.* each every Eighth Week (besides 1*l.* 8*s.* for himself) and to send with their Bills, a Report of as many others as the Inspector shall think fit.

OBJECTION.

It may be said, in Objection to this, That there cannot be such proper Places out of *London* appointed for the Pensioners at 6*d.* a Day to reside at, where each may receive the Money for four others and himself; and from whence certain and true Reports of all the rest may be sent, by reason of the Deaths, Removals, &c. that will happen; and that, with all the Care that can be taken to make every Pensioner known, there will be still Room for Counterfeits to defraud the Government.

ANSWER.

In answer to which, I do aver, That when there are 2000 Pensioners out of *London*, there might be 400 of them, at 6*d.* per Day, appointed to be at such Places in *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, that each might procure and send, every Eighth Week, a certain Account of ten others, or more or less, according to his Instructions; for as the Inspector might so order it by setting two, or more of them, unknown to each other, to make Reports of the same Men, every one would be sure to be detected in making, either wilful or accidental, Mistakes: As to Deaths and Removals of Pensioners, there would be none concealed; for, as every one entrusted to pay others,

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would know that several others, unknown to him, might be appointed to make Discoveries thereof, there would be none of them that would offer to cheat that Way ; because he that did, would be sure of being catch'd in so doing. and degraded for it : And as there is no two Men just alike in all Respects, every Pensioner may be made so well known to several others by a Ticket, which cannot be counterfeited, and some other peculiar Descriptions of him, that no one of them can be so personated by any other, as for the Government to be defrauded thereby ; for by the Method of paying them every Eighth Week, every Pensioner and Clerk, &c. would get such a personal Knowledge of every other Pensioner he saw paid, that no Counterfeit could pass undiscovered, so as to succeed in such an Attempt.

A R T I C L E VII.

Let it be made known to every one, that is, or shall, come upon the Pension, that each, in Priority of Time, according to the Notice (if it be first) which he shall send or give to the Inspector of the Death or Removal of any Pensioner, shall be put upon the List of Six-penny Men, to be preferred as Vacancies shall happen ; and to every one at 6 *d. per Day*, that in like Manner he shall be preferred to the 9 *d. per Day* in *London*, if he can write a legible Hand ; and that all Six-penny Men and Nine-penny Men, so employed, shall be exempt from Garrison Duty so long, and no longer, than they shall discharge their Trust truly ; that so every one may be encouraged to prevent Frauds, and deterr'd from devising or committing them, by being sure of being discovered therein, and punished accordingly.

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ARTICLE VIII.

Let there be a printed Form given to every Man at 6 *d. per Day*, of the Bills for the Money which he shall draw for, and let each of them be directed to send so many Bills every Eighth Week, enclosed in his Report, to the Right Honorable the Pay-Master General, as the Inspector shall require, each mark'd on the seal'd Side, with such a Number as shall be proper to signify which of the said Nine-penny Men, in *London*, is to receive and pay the Money for them on such Bills. And let there be always two Nine-penny Men for each (one of the Secretary's appointing, and one of the Inspector's appointing) that so there may be good Witness of the Payment of the Money for all Pensioners who live at a greater Distance than five Miles from *London*.

ARTICLE IX.

Let every Pensioner at 6*d. per Day*, out of *London*, be directed by one of those at 9*d. per Day*, in *London*, whenever the Secretary or Inspector shall think proper, to send a Report of all such other Pensioners as either of them shall direct; and let the Secretary and Inspector, by Turns, examine and pass each others Reports, that so every one may be detected in a false, and justified in a true, Account.

ARTICLE X.

Let every Pensioner, living in *London*, or within five Miles thereof, be paid every Eighth Week, one Time by those at *6d. per Day*, under the Secretary's Directions, before the Inspector, and another time by those at *9d per Day*, under the Inspector's Directions, before the Secretary, so by Turns; and let the Secretary and Inspector pass each others Nine-penny Men's Reports, and give them their Orders to the Deputy Pay-Master for what Money they are to receive; that so all Pensioners may be well paid, and that there may be sufficient Vouchers thereof.

These last four Articles I think want no Explanation, and all the material Objections against the others being answer'd to, I must conclude that these Proposals may be made use of, being practicable, when ever the Lords Commissioners of *Chelsea Hospital*, or the Parliament, shall think mete to suppress those Usurers and Extortioners by whom the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* have been, for so many Years past, very grossly abus'd.

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The RIGHT HONOURABLE the LORDS,
and OTHERS, COMMISSIONERS for
managing the Affairs of His MAJESTY'S
ROYAL HOSPITAL at CHELSEA.

May 12, 1740.

May it please your LORDSHIPS,

AS those Persons who have hitherto bought the Opt-Pensions of *Chelsea*, have been publickly call'd Usurers, &c. and as those who have been actually Usurers and Extortioners in that Affair, have so misrepresented their publick Transactions before your Lordships, as to make themselves appear like Fair-Gainers, I humbly hope that the following Account, with the necessary Distinctions to shew who are the Usurers and Extortioners, will not be disapproved by your Lordships.

In the Year 1719 the Buyers of the Pension were considerable Losers (I do suppose greater than at present) by the then drawing off the Pensioners into the Invalid Service; since then, when only such Losses fell upon them, which happened by Pensioners dying and going off the Pension in their Debt, it appears that they lost the One-Twentieth Part of what they bought; for it is known, by Observation, that One Tenth of the Pensioners, by Deaths, &c. go off the Pension

Pension every Year; and that, upon a Medium, Half of the One Tenth Part of the Time for which they were paid (that is One Twentieth Part thereof, on Account of Deaths, &c.) less than what was bought, will become accountable for to the Buyers.

	l. s.	
The full Pay for 10 Men is	76	} in one Year, and so in Pro- portion for more or less Time.
The Office Fees for ditto	3 16	
The common Loss by Deaths, &c. —————	3 16	

So that for every Ten Men, at 6 l. 6 s. each, continued to be advanced, by yearly Payments, the Buyers employ'd 126 l.

All the Profit they could get	l. s.
thereby in one Year, was—	13 —
And the Deduction therefrom for Fees and Losses, was	7 12

Whereby it appears, that what they got in one Year by 126 l. was ————— 5 8 a little more than 4 l. per Cent.

For every Ten Men, at 6 l. 6 s. each, continued to be advanced by half yearly Payments, the Buyers employ'd 94 l. 10 s.

All the Profit which they could	l. s.
get thereby in one Year, was	13 —
And the Deduction therefrom for Fees and Losses, was —————	5 14

Whereby it appears, that what they got in 1 Year by 94 l. 10 s. was ————— 7 6 not quite 8 l. per Cent.

For every Ten Men, at 6 *l.* each, continued to be advanced by yearly Payments, the Buyers employed 120 *l.*

All the Profit which they could	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
get thereby in one Year, was	16	—
And the Deduction therefrom for		
Fees and Losses, was	—	7 12

Whereby it appears, that what they got in one Year by 120 *l.* was ————— 8 8 exactly
7 per Cent.

For every Ten Men, at 6 *l.* each, continued to be advanced by half yearly Payments, the Buyers employ'd 90 *l.*

All the Profit which they could	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
get thereby in one Year, was	16	—
And the Deduction therefrom for		
Fees and Losses, was	—	5 14

Whereby it appears, that what they got in 1 Year by 90 *l.* was 10 6 not
quite 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.

For every Ten Men, at 5 *l.* 10 *s.* each, continued to be advanced by yearly Payments, the Buyers employ'd 110 *l.*

All the Profit which they could	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
get thereby in one Year, was	21	—
And the Deduction therefrom for		
Fees and Losses, was	—	7 12

Whereby it appears, that what they got in one Year by 110 *l.* was ————— 13 8 a little
more than 12 per Cent.

By 5 *l.* a Year, at half yearly Payments, to make Ten Men up Two Years Pay Advance, the Buyers employ'd 125 *l.*

All the Profit which they could	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
get thereby in one Year, was	26	—
And the Deduction therefrom for		
Fees and Losses, was	11	8

Whereby it appears, that what they got in one Year by 125 *l.* was

14 12 a little more than 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ *per Cent.*

By 5 *l.* a Year, at yearly Payments, to make Ten Men up a Year and a Half's Pay Advance, the Buyers employ'd 100 *l.*

All the Profit which they could	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
get thereby in one Year, was	26	—
And the Deduction therefrom for		
Fees and Losses, was	9	10

Whereby it appears, that what they got in one Year by 100 *l.* was

16 10 exactly 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ *per Cent.*

The 7 Rates at $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 8 \\ 7 \\ 11 \frac{1}{2} \\ 12 \\ 11 \frac{1}{2} \\ 16 \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$ *per Cent.*

Divided by 7) 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ (10 *l.* *per Cent.* the mean Rate.

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From hence it appears, that if there were to be a like Sum of Money employ'd in each of these Ways of advancing it to the Pensioners, the Gain for the whole Sum employ'd, would be 10*l* per Cent. but as most of the Money employ'd in this Affair, by the Fair Dealers, is after those Methods which are least profitable, I find, in general, that it did turn to no greater Account than 8*l* per Cent. per Annum, before the drawing off the Pensioners, as, at this Time, into the Invalid Service; and that the Losses sustain'd, and to be sustain'd, on that Account, will be more than what the Fair Dealers have gotten for their Money and Labour, over and above 5*l* per Cent. for these three Years past.

The Ignorance of the Pensioners, and Wickedness of the Clerks, and others at *Chelsea*, employ'd under your Lordships, in exclaiming against those who have employ'd their Time and Money in the Manner aforesaid (and in supporting those Clerks, &c. in their Usury and Extortion) I hope will induce your Lordships not to be offended at me for making this Relation, and presuming withal to say, That those Persons who have actually made 10 per Cent. by the Money with which they subsisted the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*, have been the only Fair Gainers by them; for they ran great Risques of losing, and took a great deal of Care and Fatigue upon them to get any Thing at all.

As for the Usurers, they are those who run no Risque of losing Money by lending it, and who exact,

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upon a certain Security, more than lawful Interest for the Money they so lend.

And for the Extortioners, they are such who exact upon others, and get Money from them by pretending, if they will give them what they demand, they will not do them so much Hurt as they can; Examples whereof may be had from the Clerks, &c. in the Offices at Chelsea.

By this your Lordships will, I hope, be satisfied that the whole Purport of what I have before reported on the Affair of the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*, is to remind your Lordships of the publick Errors in the Mismanagement thereof, to discover the Cause of those Errors, and to induce your Lordships to make such a Reformation, in the Manner of subsisting those Pensioners, as will be both beneficial to them, and grateful to the Publick.

I consider'd (before I troubl'd your Lordships with my Reasons for so doing) that what I had reported would neither be agreeable to Secretary *E—*, nor Mr. *M—*, nor any others who have been, in Reality, either Usurers or Extortioners, but did not think that your Lordships would be partial in their Favour.

Indeed I was doubtful thereof, when I consider'd that your Lordships were not inclin'd, at present, to make that general Regulation I had propos'd; but still I cannot be persuaded to think that your Lordships will suffer the *Chelsea* College Usurers and Extortioners to always oppress the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* according to Mr. * *Samford's* Devices, nor permit the Secretary, &c. to always act as he has propos'd, flattering
myself

* Alias the Rat-Catcher, alias the S———.

myself withal that what I have propos'd, will, one Time or other, be acceptable to your Lordships.

Till then I shall persist in advancing that which I design'd for the Benefit of the *Emeriti*, and Use of the Publick; hoping that your Lordships will not be displeased at the Justness of my Intentions, nor at the Manner in which I shall publish the Case of the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*; and also, that your Lordships will, before that Time, give Directions for the Payment of that Money which is still due to me upon that Account, which I gave your Lordships on the 21st of *March* last, for assisting, &c. in Secretary *E---*'s Office at *Chelsea*, which will be a Favour very acceptable, at this Time, to

Your LORDSHIPS

Most obedient

Humble Servant,

J. WOODMAN.



T O T H E
R I G H T H O N O U R A B L E

H—— P——, Esq;

S I R,

PResently after it was known that I had purposed to expose some of the wicked Practices among the Buyers and Sellers of the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea*, and that I was to publish a Scheme as a Remedy to remove the Cause of all their Complaints in that Affair, I observed three Bills stuck up at the College, one at the Entrance to the Main Guard, another at that to *Chelsea* Guard, and another on the Inside the Gates under the Cupola, to give Notice, that there was a Letter sent to your Honour, signed *John Samford*, complaining of several Abuses relating to the In-Pensioners; whether there ever was such a Letter sent to your Honour or not, I cannot tell; I took it to be only a Contrivance of Mr. *E——*'s to amuse People; but be that as it will, soon after my Scheme for the Benefit of the Out-Pensioners was publish'd, I actually received a Letter by the Penny-Post, signed *John Samford*, to the following Effect.

Mr.

28 Jan. 17¹²/₄₀.

Mr. WOODMAN,

ALtho' I cannot say any Thing in Defence of the following Scheme myself, I am willing, however, to let it take its Chance in the World; so I desire that you will get it printed and publish'd, and that you will take it upon you to dedicate it to such, Person or Persons, who are most proper to protect and defend it. I am,

Yours, &c. unknown,

J. SAMFORD.

Si Deus te, me ipse Diabolus inspiravit.

A SCHEME to Pay the Out-Pensioners of *Chelfea* after a Fashion that hath been a long Time very much in Vogue, whereby, among 4000 of them, they may be paid above 6000*l.* a Year for their Pensions less than what they should have from the Nation; and that too, so that every one of them, and also all those who shall be permitted to get as much as they can by them, may have an Opportunity to defraud one another with Impunity, and the Government too.

And likewise, So that, when there is no Occasion, all those who are willing to do Garrison Duty, or Re-enter into the Service, may do a Prejudice to themselves and others, whenever they will; according to that Liberty, &c. which hath been granted to (and freely taken by) many of them since the Year 1719.

*Tho' great Objections may be made to this,
There's nought contriv'd, nor aught that's meant amiss.*

By JOHN SAMFORD.

I. **L**ET publick Notice be given to the Out-Pensioners of *Chelfea*, and all Persons who do now, and shall hereafter, supply them with Money for their Pensions, as also, to all Clerks, &c. who now are, and shall hereafter be, appointed to preside at the S——'s Office and Pay-Office in *Chelfea* Hospital, that each of them may

may get from the other as much as he can, and how he can, without being under any Limitation whatsoever.

II. Let there be always such a S—— and D—— P—— M—— of *Chelsea* Hospital as there is at present; and under them such Clerks who can make it appear that, by their Management, the S—— of the said Hospital, in raising strong Companies of Invalids out of the Pensioners, shall deserve above 2000*l.* a Year for the Service he shall do them and the Nation in being their Agent, besides his Salary, and all other Profits from the College; that every D—— P—— M—— for the future, for the great Service which he at present, hath formerly done, shall deserve 1000*l.* a Year, besides his Salary, and what else he can get from those who have been, and shall be hereafter, called Usurers and Extortioners, under Colour of doing them such Services, as he shall pretend.

III. Let the Clerks themselves have no Salaries, but (as they ought to be well rewarded by their Masters for doing them all the Service before mentioned) let them be applauded for their Cunning, and make the most as they can of their Places.

IV. Let every Out-Pensioner of *Chelsea*, who cannot stay till his Pension becomes payable from the College, be informed by the Clerks of those Offices, that, if he hath a Mind to sell his Pension, he may get as much Money as he can for it from any Person whom he or they shall think well for him to sell it to.

V. Let

V. Let it be made known to every Person who shall supply the Pensioners with Money for their Pensions to grow due, that if he does not pay to the S——'s first Clerk One Guinea, &c. *per Cent.* for all the Money which he shall receive (on the Score of the Out-Pensioners) from *Chelsea* College, and to the other Clerk as much as shall be demanded of him by the S——, or his first Clerk, he shall be harrassed and plagued so at that Office, that he shall be 50*l.* *per Cent.* out of Pocket by it: That so the Clerks, &c. of that Office may be well supported.

VI. Let the D—— P—— M—— (or his Clerks) be suffered to stop 5*s.* a Year out of every 7*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* for himself; 10*s.* 6*d.* out of every 100*l.* which shall be paid at his Office on Account of the Out-Pension, for his first Clerk; and to stop Payment of the Pension until such Time as those Fees, with as much more as he shall require for his under Clerk, Servants, &c. shall be allow'd of by all those who shall have any Claim upon him for Money paid, or to be paid, to the Out-Pensioners of *Chelsea* Hospital for their Pensions: That so every Person, who hath paid, or shall hereafter pay, Money for the Out-Pensions of *Chelsea*, may have such an Example to follow as shall be requisite for either a real, or a nominal, Usurer.

VII. Let there be always one Garrison Officer, at least, tolerated by the S—— to do little Jobbs among the Pensioners about Town, and to get as much Money as he can, both out of them, and those who shall supply them with it, by pretending to skreen all those from Garrison who

who have a Dependancy to maintain themselves and Families at Home : That so they being threatned, &c. may be the more easily play'd upon for such Part of their Pension as shall be requisite for the Maintenance of such Officer, or Officers, which the S—— shall allow to be necessary for his Purpose.

VIII. Let it be a standing Rule at the S——'s Office to appoint all Pensioners to Garrison who shall offer themselves, tho' ever so Old and Disabled, if they can fire over a Wall ; and let those of them who are most in Debt be sent, to chuse, that so every Pensioner may be encouraged in getting Money after the S——'s Example.

IX. Let all those who supply the Pensioners with Money for their Pensions (especially the Clerks, D—— P—— M——, or S——, if either of them shall do it himself, or get any other Person, or Persons, to do it for him underhand) be winked at, and connived with, in oppressing the Pensioners, so long as they shall allow of, and pay all the Fees which shall be exacted of them by those at the S——'s Office, and Pay-Office in *Chelsea* College : That so the Clerks, &c. of those Offices may have an Opportunity to employ their Money and Time to the best Advantage.

X. Let the S—— be entrusted at all Times, solely, to take Men on and put them off the Pension, to continue or discontinue taking Appearances of Pensioners in such Manner, and for such Men as he shall like best ; and to pass all his Reports as he pleases, without being examined, looked into, or justified by any other, that

so he may have such a Power, as he likes, to serve the Nation, plague the Pensioners, enrich himself, and befriend his Clerks, &c. who shall assist and defend him in all his unaccountable Purposes.

To conclude ; While the Management of the Out-Pensioners of *Chelfea* shall be continued in the foregoing Manner ; in the first Place, every Pensioner will have an Opportunity to cheat ; every Buyer of the Pensions to cheat, and be cheated ; and the Clerks, D—— P—— M—— and S——, of *Chelfea* Hospital, to play such a Game as has been play'd at heretofore : A great many worn-out Soldiers, who have deserved well, will be abandoned to Misery and Want, and sometimes to incur such Punishments as their Oppressors shall think proper to inflict : And all the Buyers of the Pensions (except those of the Offices at *Chelfea*, who shall follow that Trade) shall have the Characters of Usurers and Extortioners.

In fine, all those who shall be tolerated by the S——, &c. at *Chelfea*, tho' they shall extort above 6000*l.* a Year out of 4000 Out-Pensioners, by doing, or pretending to do, them Service, according to the foregoing Scheme, they shall be esteemed *Fair Gainers*, so long as they shall be countenanced by their Superiors in so doing.

Your's,

J. SAMFORD.

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I Do not know what your Honour thinks of this *John Samford*, but, for my Part (if his Principles are according to his Scheme) I think he is as wicked a Man as any S—— of *Chelsea* College ever was; and understands that despicable Science of Cheating much better than ever Mr. C—— formerly did: For, I observe, that he has an Expedient to palliate every one of his vile Purposes; and I do suppose, if he was ask'd the Question, why he would have this Scheme to be publish'd, he would say to every-body else, as he has done to me, that he neither contrived it, nor meant any Harm by it; and very possibly, according to his own Modesty (if he has any) he would father it all upon the Devil, or any of the Gentlemen of his Acquaintance, so that he himself might not be blamed for such a hellish Contrivance.

My Scheme, your Honour will observe, tends directly to destroy what he proposes to have countenanced, and your Honour may very readily perceive, that what I have propos'd, is to do Good, and that what he has proposed is to do Harm, and any Body can judge that my Proposal ought to be esteem'd, and his condemn'd; mine being for the Benefit, and his for the Hurt, of so many Thousands of poor worn-out Soldiers who ought to be used well, and not to be so abused as they have been since Mr. E—— has been their S——: Your Honour will also readily perceive, that this *John Samford's* Scheme is according to the S——'s own Heart, and that neither he, nor any S—— hereafter (unless of
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better Principles) will chuse to have his Accounts inspected after the Manner proposed in my Scheme; but as all the Grievances occasion'd by Fraud, Usury, and Extortion, and the S-----'s Blunders in the Affair of the Out-Pensioners, cannot be remedied without erecting a New Office, and as it is a Duty incumbent upon your Honour and the Commissioners to give Directions in that Affair, I hope at the next Board an Order may be made agreeable to what I have proposed, and then, that I may be esteemed according to the Merit of my Proposition, is all the Desire of,

Your Honour's

most obedient

humble Servant,

J. WOODMAN.



Mr.

Mr. WOODMAN,

IF ever you read my Lord *Rochester's* Description of some Men, you may remember, that in one Part thereof he says,

- “ Mankind's dishonest—if you think it fair
- “ Among known Cheats to play upon the Square,
- “ You'll be undone————
- “ Nor can weak Truth your Reputation save,
- “ The Knaves will all agree to call you Knave,

I have seen your Proposals, and have heard in what Manner you exposed mine, but don't know that you got any Thing by it, nor can't tell what you could expect for so doing; I know very well that what I have propos'd is agreeable to the Inclinations of Mankind in general, and that what you have propos'd is not agreeable to any one, that you have, as yet, offer'd it to in particular; so pray what signifies your Honesty now, and your Truth, in Opposition to such a one as I am?

I have got the *Clerks*, *Secretaries* and Mr. *Mann*, the Clerks of both Offices at the College (with all that court Favours of them) on my Side; and I do not know that you have got anybody on yours.

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What you have propos'd, is what you call *Fair Play*; by which, as you will play that Play among us, you may expect to be ruin'd; for we are in a Condition, like *staunch Sharpers*, to command *Fortune* on our Side; so that your knowing in what Manner we cheat, and discovering it, will avail you little; for we shall always have Bubbles enough, besides you, to live by, so long as we continue in Play; which may be, perhaps, longer than you think for; for you may remember, that, *Pecuniæ obediunt omnia*, Money, which we have a great Command of, commands all who have it, and who have it not.

It is our Maxim to take all Advantages, and if we find any one that we have bubbled, begin to look into our Play, we think it good Policy in us to begin upon him first, and so soon as any one of us has cried out Whore (being all of a Side) all the rest to do the like; in the same Manner as we served you some time ago, when we procur'd several to swear what we thought proper, in order to prove our Assertions against you, and prevent your exclaiming against us for offering to cheat you; by which Means we have establish'd our Reputation, so that we defy you, or any body else, to put us out of our Play.

I am sure you have lost above a hundred Pounds by offering to do it already, great Part of which, very possibly, you will say we cheated you of, and that you will be a greater Loser yet, if you persist in your Purpose, and will play upon the Square among such as we are.

I advise you, therefore, to desist therefrom, and as you know the Way very well, to have
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Some Regard for your own Interest, and play up-
on the Sharp for the future, as we do ; by which
Means you may soon have your past Losses made
up to you out of some-body's Pocket or other,
and be in the right Way to grow rich, according
to the Maxims of your old Antagonist,

JOHN SAMFORD.



May 8. 1740.

Mr. WOODMAN,

W H E N I sent you my Scheme, I knew it
to be practicable ; but then I forgot one
chief Contrivance, which, I have since observ'd,
compleats, and is an Embellishment of, the
whole Design, according to those Practices
which are now, and have been a long Time, es-
teem'd necessary among us ; which, in brief, is
this : That it ^{be} made a standing Rule for the S—
and ~~Deputy~~ ^{be} Pay—Master, and those under them
in the Offices at *Chelsea*, to impose upon any Pen-
sioner, or Pensioners, every such Oath, or Oaths,
as, at any Time, either of them shall or may
require to be made for their Use ; and for the
C——rs not to regard any Oaths or Reports, ei-
ther true or false, but such as the S—— himself
shall think proper and like best ; that so when-
soever the S——, or any one in his Favour, shall
be charg'd with doing, or causing any Thing to
be done, amiss, he and they, being tolerated to
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cheat; and suborn what Evidence they please;
 may always be deem'd harmless; and that so
 they may be impower'd to asperse and punish
 every one as they please, who shall presume to
 cry out against what any of them shall either
 say or do, let it be ever so false or base.

Thus, Sir, I've shewn the common beaten Road,
 In which our Brokers, still unbroke, have trod :
 Therein you see our Policy consists
 In pushing each to act whate'er he lists ;
 In making publickly a seeming Shew
 That always we do right whate'er we do ;
 And foisting Crimes, which we ourselves have made,
 On Those on whom we've our Injunctions laid ;
 Then feigning, by our seeming Justice, that
 We find out Frauds by them; which, when come at,
 They're punish'd for——

Of which, by our State Policy, we prove
 Ourselves not guilty, but those Tools we move
 To act and say (what you perhaps forget)
 Such Falsties and Rogue-Parts we think fit.
 Witness all those who've subject been to us,
 From R—— M—— quite down to Brainless R—— ;
 With all those Pensioners, and others, who
 We've forc'd, or suffer'd, Wrong to say or do.

Remember *Atkins, Watkins, Pyke, and Payne*;
 Whom we made swear and lye ; and then again

Remember

Remember *Harrison*, and many more,
 Who all at Random, as we prompted, swore ;
 Swore what we pleas'd—and when we thought it mete,
 How we encourag'd them the World to cheat ;
 B'ing Men of Conscience—for our Purpose fit
 As e'er was *Plunket*, *Jack*, or *Johnson* yet.
 Remember how to hide our Faults we shew
 That Pow'r which rectifies whate'er we do ;
 And to what Policy we have Recourse
 T'effect what can't be done by human Force :
 How, some to skreen, and make ourselves look white,
 We bring some other's blacken'd Deeds to light :
 Like that Thief-maker, who, to keep on Trade,
 Deserters hung as oft as Thieves he made ;
 Who peached all that would not come to Book
 And make him Master of whate'er they took.

By his Example, whensoever we find
 That any of our Gang are full inclin'd
 To make Collections in our Trade, and not
 Give us our Fees, we bring them first to Pot ;
 The bungling Cheats we loudly next condemn,
 And punish for the Tricks we taught to them ;
 Then others, one by one, some Scores a Year,
 We do be-rogue ; and so make selves appear
 Zealous as *Wild* to Thievery detect,
 And honest to the ***** who us protect :

While all the Time 'tis we ourselves that get,
As Masters of the Trade, what we think fit ;
The greater Booty which they had in View,
And by the Nation are rewarded too.

For us they labour'd till they'd learn'd our Trade ;
And when they'd done, they dearly for it paid ;
For then we peach'd 'em—that we might be fam'd,
Those Wretches we had liv'd by, we defam'd :
Witness *George Barclay*, and some Thousands more,
Who forg'd upon us, and who falsely swore
Without our Leave ; who, tho' they fee'd us well,
When we thought fit in Snares to fling them, fell.

Full well you know that what I 've said is true ;
For one Example has been made of you :
Which, with more Art of ours, when next I send,
You shall be more Inform'd of, by your Friend,

JOHN SAMFORD.

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JOHN SAMFORD, Esq; supposed to be the
RAT-CATCHER at *Chelsea* College.

S I R,

TO rouse you from a dull enchanted Dream,
I've publish'd now that diabolick Scheme,
Which you contriv'd ; tho' I can but conceive
Or who, or what you are, or where you live,
Who've dar'd to boast such Villain's Work, and show,
Such Rules, and Reasons for your doing so.

Oft-times I think you are a *Turk*, but then
I recollect my Thoughts, and think agen ;
That you're less honest than our *Turk*, or *Jew*,
More merciless, and yet call'd *Christian* too :
An Hypocrite ; or, what's as bad, an Elf,
As like a Dev'l as the Dev'l himself :
For that Obscurity, wherein you dwell,
Is certainly within the Bounds of Hell ;
Where *Truth* and *Justice* you supinely shun,
B'assuming of a Name that's not your own ;
And where unrul'd you live, like Beast of Prey,
On Fish, or Flesh, or what comes in your Way ;

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Or

Or like some Thief, who spends in Parish Treats
 No Money but of which the Poor he cheats ;
 Or like some greater Officer in State,
 Who pinches Thousands at another Rate ;
 Deceives his Masters, and avers, that none
 Was ever fitter for their Purpose known :
 Like such you banter —and, with Brazen-Face,
 Assert it boldly, *that to cheat in Place*
Is not a Crime——and so from thence infer
 That you're a Nonsuch who does never err ;
 And that, supported in your vile Delight,
 To cheat, like Knaves in Power, Cheating's right :
 But not like them your Sophistry you show ;
 For none but vulgar Bites would cackle so.

It is beneath a cheating Soul that's great
 T'expose such Villainy, at such a Rate ;
 To vent it only on the helpless Poor,
 And speak himself so great a R—— as you're.

In that you differ from the Great One's Art ;
 Yet vainly hope the Great will take your Part :
 But no, they will not——You will find that none
 Will countenance what you have said or done.

There's none but Thieves will take a Robber's Part,
 Who can't redeem him from the Fatal-Cart :
 Like their's your Cheats, now publicly made known,
 Will be disclaim'd by all who'd hide their own.

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There's none but you, your individual Self,
 Or here and there in Hell some other Elf,
 Besides your Likeness, to appear, or send
 Some artful Sophister to you defend :
 For you are he to whom nor Pen, nor Tongue,
 By Defamation, can do any Wrong :
 A harden'd Wretch, whom nor Reproof, nor Curse,
 Can ever better make, or ever worse ;
 Who can, by Sophistry, make black seem white,
 Or any wrong you've done seem truly right.

Bankrupts, like you, you can assert are not,
 Or Fools or Knaves in keeping what they got
 By Fraud and Perjury, to Law evade,
 If after that they can go on in Trade ;
 In Trade like yours, by which you've cheated more
 Than any but yourself could do before :
 Not *Crisp* nor *Wood*, could either of them do,
 In Tricks and Projects, half so much as you ;
 They could but only think on Ways to cheat,
 And what they only thought you did compleat :
 By their Mistakes and beating of the Bush,
 You caught the Hare at which they made a Push :
 This Truth you know, on which I'll not enlarge,
 You're ready to defend, so mind the Charge.

*You are indicted for that you, with Eyes
 Turn'd far from God, did once in Hell devise,*

*At th' Instigation of Old Nick, a Scheme
To send some hundred Souls a Year to him.*

*That thence, with Malice, a long Time fore thought,
That Project to this Earthly World you brought,
By which you've caus'd some Sharpers, here, to be
Your Journeymen in all Iniquity.*

*That all you have contriv'd is for the Use
Of Villains here on Earth, and for th' Abuse
Of all that's good, and, like old Soldiers, poor,
Oppress'd by Feet of Monsters, such as you're.*

*And that, like Agent in a horrid Trust,
You've given to the Devil some Distrust
How you'll supplant him in one Trade, and get
Before-hand with him in the Art to cheat.*

*To prove all this the Evidence is clear;
For by your wicked Scheme it does appear,
In Article the first, you've laid a Bait
To draw in all for whom you lie in wait:
The second shews you've substituted some,
Who to the Height of Villiany may come;
By which your grand Design to all Men cheat,
And spirit on for Hell, is made compleat:
You next of all point out the golden Prize;
A baneful Optick to most Sort of Eyes!
And after that, by all the rest, you shew,
That not a Dev'l in Hell can you out-do.*

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You boldly teach that such as you, who 've Skill,
 May be protect'd, and do what they will ;
 May gull poor Pensioners at any rate,
 While favour'd by your Worship and the Great ;
 Rejoic'd at that for which nought can atone,
 Your Devil Prompter, you sublimely own ;
 And then assert, that you meant nought amiss,
 'Cause great Objections might be made to this ;
 But 'gainst such Stuff offended Truth she spurns,
 And damns the Sophist and his Art by Turns.

F I N I S.

Page 23. Line 29. for 48s. each, read 28s. each. P. 40. 7. 8. for Pensioners, r. Pensions. P. 51. 1. 17. for That it made, r. That it be made.



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That Length, long sought for, so far true is found.

By John Woodman of Chelsea.



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